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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Honorable Commissioner of  
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Sir:

Preliminarily to the examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the  
application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph:

--This is a U.S. National Phase Application Under 37 CFR 1.371 and applicants herewith  
claim the benefit of priority of PCT/JP00/07990 filed November 9, 2000, in the Japanese Patent  
Office, Patent Application No. 11-319986 filed in Japan on November 10, 1999 and Patent  
Application No. 2000-233193 filed in Japan on July 28, 2000, each of whose contents are  
incorporated by reference.--